



SIG Communication & Swallowing Update

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About us

- *We are a small group of speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and linguists coming from different countries in Europe, who are working with persons with multiple sclerosis (MS).*
- *The aim of our group is to exchange experiences on assessment and treatment in swallowing and communication. Moreover we would like to foster research in MS by developing projects together (for example: Translation and Validation of the DYMUS questionnaire).*
- *During the year we keep in touch by e-mail and Skype meetings using our best English. Once a year we organize a 2 days meeting which is supported by RIMS and takes place each year on a different location.*



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- Go to www.eurims.org
 - Student membership
€25,- per year
 - Individual membership
€100,- per year
 - Center membership
€ 400,- per year
- Sign up for general News Letter (free)



Activities and Running Projects 2018/2019

Activities

- In-between meeting (Haslev; 6 December 2018)
- SIG meeting RIMS Conference June 2019 Ljubljana

Running Projects

- Translation and Validation of the Spanish and Dutch version of the DYMUS questionnaire for the assessment of dysphagia in multiple sclerosis
- Prevalence, features and underlying causes of dysarthria in multiple sclerosis. A Systematic review
- MS Care Journal special rehabilitation edition



Plans 2020

- RIMS Grant projects: DYMUS and Systematic Review
- RIMS Annual Conference 2020 June 4-6 @ Leuven, Belgium
“Collaborate and Engage in Personalised Rehabilitation”
- Next in-between meeting
 - Place and topic
- New RIMS Grant project?
- Other ideas

